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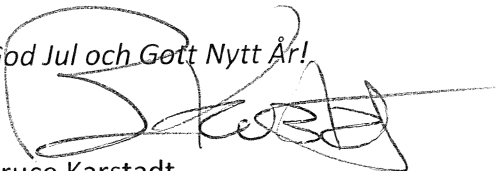
Dear Fredrik,

I want to thank the city of Uppsala so much for the honor that was presented to me on 22 November 2013 at Uppsala slot. It was such a surprise when Christian Dahlmann called me to inquire if I could be in Uppsala on that day, but without specifying the reason for the request. As this all unfolded, I must say I found myself alternating between feelings of deep gratitude and humility. Perhaps I'm a little more Swedish than I realize; it was a real moment of *jantelagen*.

I feel this award to be, in essence, a recognition of the importance of international relationships, and in particular the sister city friendship between Minneapolis and Uppsala. I'm glad to have been a part of the effort over these past 13 years in building links between our communities in a variety of ways. The best days are ahead of us, I believe, as we build upon the foundation that has been laid through the work of so many good people in both of our communities.

So please, extend my words of gratitude to your colleagues and for the generous hospitality you extended me while I was in Uppsala. I look forward to the possibility of welcoming you and other friends from Uppsala to Minneapolis in the spring, hopefully.

I hope you and your family have a lovely Christmas holiday.

God Jul och Gøtt Nytt År!


Bruce Karstadt
President and CEO
Honorary Consul General of Sweden